

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. J. W. Gallaher is home from a visit in St. Louis.

Sam D. Miller was here from Fulton Tuesday.

Chas. Stuart, of Rush Hill, was a visitor in Mexico Tuesday.

Mrs. G. L. Laverne, of Fulton, spent Tuesday in Mexico.

J. R. Baker, of Fulton, was in Mexico Tuesday.

R. R. Buckner has returned from a business trip to Fulton.

Mrs. E. E. Calver, of Ashland, is the guest of Mexico relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lee went to St. Louis Wednesday.

C. R. Gibson, of Laddonia, was in this city on business Wednesday.

Mrs. C. M. Carpenter has returned from a pleasant visit in Jonesboro.

Ran Kendall is home from Durant, Okla. He says everyone in that country is all right.

W. E. Burton, of Ft. Dodge, Ia., is the guest of Mexico relatives.

A. Beach is in Ottumwa, Iowa, attending the annual convention of Graham store managers.

Mrs. Lamontine Lockard and Miss Lillian Lockard were in Paris on Monday to attend the funeral of the Rev. J. L. Marvin.

F. L. Crosby and wife are visiting in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. G. P. Hues and Miss Sarah Reed, of Wellsville, visited in Mexico Sunday.

For Kendall, of Woodridge, Mo., visited his mother, Mrs. S. E. Kendall, Friday.

Emil Jungbluth, of Benton City, Mo., is in town on business Tuesday.

J. W. Butler is in Garden City, Kansas on business.

Irvin Maddox of McCredie, was in Mexico Wednesday.

C. P. Malone and family visited in St. Louis for a few days.

T. J. Hoxey was in St. Louis on business Thursday.

Kirk Roberts was a business visitor in St. Louis Thursday.

Emmett and Lee Davis were here from Santa Fe Wednesday.

The Moberly Elks will have a new emblem. It is expected to cost \$50.00.

Miss Tina Connors is now with the W. W. Pollock and J. C. Mundy are in Belleflower, Mo., on business Friday.

Dr. D. J. Kanaly, weather prophet, says the time to sow oats is between now and the 23rd of this month.

John Beal and Prof. Strunk attended the exercises at Harrison school on Friday.

Mrs. George McCaskey, of Fulton, spent Thursday in Mexico.

J. Ed Moore, of Guthrie, was in Mexico Thursday.

W. C. Carver was up from Vandana Thursday.

Gordon Anderson, of Auxvasse, was in Mexico visitor Thursday.

Mrs. W. W. Betts is visiting in Houston City.

George Lee is home from a business trip to St. Louis.

Mrs. R. E. See is home from a visit to Jefferson City.

Roy Pearl has the thanks of the people for a handsome and convenient daily calendar.

Orlando Worrell visited in Fulton Sunday and Friday.

Mrs. John Coward is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. C. Bland, in Sallertownship.

Mrs. L. E. Crews, of this city, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Haley, north of Fulton.

W. H. Rouse is in Omaha, Neb., on visit.

Mrs. W. H. Stenberger has returned from a visit in Fulton.

A. P. Green, of the A. P. Green Brick Company, is home from Chicago.

George Chappell, of Bowling Green, Mo., is in Mexico today to attend the Emment sale.

John A. Brooks, of Vandalia, was in this city on business Friday.

Miss Minnie Harrison visited in Mexico this week.

Charley Malone and wife are home from St. Louis.

Mr. Borg Drain is home from a visit in Fulton.

Richard Bush of Columbia is here on the week-end. He has as his guests Edwin Marx, of St. Louis.

Mr. Locke was in St. Louis on business Monday.

W. Frank Richards, of Slater, was in this city on a visit Sunday.

C. Madison, of Independence, was in this city Sunday, the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Field are entering twin daughters, who arrived week.

Wm. Wilson, who is attending court and studying law, was home Sunday.

Rev. E. J. Sanderson, of Fulton, who has been here on business, has returned home.

George McCaskey, of Fulton, returned home after a pleasant visit in this city.

A. Boggs is now in Arthur Barker Shop on the South of the Square.

Mr. Davis has returned to Glasgow visiting her daughter, in College.

F. Hollingsworth, of Vandalia, is in Mexico on court business on Monday.

Ed J. Galt, of Vandalia, is in this city on business Monday.

Joseph G. Kenna, of Laddonia, is in Mexico on court business Monday.



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GERMANY GIVES ALL TO ITS GREAT WAR GOD

Former Mexico Resident Writes of Conditions in Kaiser's Country Returns With Gerard

NATION STILL VERY STRONG

His Story is One of the First Authentic to Reach the U. S. Uncensored and Uncolored

Here is a brief story of Germany's economic and political situation as gleaned by Chas. Grasty, a former Mexico boy, who made the 11-day journey from Europe to Havana, Cuba, with Ambassador Gerard's party, and secured his information from the members of the party. It is the first authentic report reaching this country without treatment by censor or coloring by foreign agents. The article is appearing in many of the big dailies of this country.

First—Germany is hungry and there is danger of famine undermining her strength before the next harvest.

Second—Germany is united in every way and solid behind the Kaiser. The common soldiers are sick of the war, but cannot help themselves.

Third—The submarines are relied upon as the end of the war. Von Tirpitz is unable to actively lead because of ill health.

Fourth—Germany believes their Western front means almost a prohibitive sacrifice on the part of the Allies for a sustained offensive.

Fifth—Germany is contemptuous about America entering the war, feeling the U. S. cannot strike it a hard blow.

Sixth—Germany is threatened with demoralization, but sufficiently strong to take a lot of beating.

Seventh—Russia is not figured in the foregoing conclusions as she continues to remain rather an unknown quantity.

The food shortage in Germany is really serious; more so than was generally believed. If the submarine warfare does not result in relief a serious upheaval impending.

The misery resulting from the food conditions is observable in every face. A thick soup of cabbage and turnips, a bit of meat and a trace of grease could be bought at the community kitchens in the cities for six cents (thirty pfennig) and bread at one cent a slice, but thirty minutes after eating one was hungry again.

Mothers and babies are without milk and the suffering is great.

Throughout the trying time the German women have been showing splendid nerve. They are taking men's places at manual labor. Many assure me that if the women are called they will respond in tremendous numbers, game to perform many trench tasks, if not actually to full military duty.

Moral Laws Cast Aside

The moral and social conditions are entirely unlike old Germany. In high society spying and intrigue prevail. Nobody trusts anybody and the conversation is all insincerity and deception. While the unwritten law still holds among the nobility the laws regulating divorce are a dead letter.

Soldiers at the front and wives at straits. Illegitimate births now reach 25 per cent in Berlin and even more in Bavaria, and the percentage is increasing.

Women Ruled by Iron Rod

The tendencies in Germany to rule womankind with a rod of iron have been emphasized by the war. Men use women roughly and punish them physically for trifling faults. Women are treated as recognized inferiors and they don't resent it.

Our Best Men Needed

Everybody who has seen Germany

is praying for President Wilson to throw personal and political considerations to the wind, open a new book when war threatens and write in it the names of the best men in America, irrespective of party, to help the President to use America's vast resources against the enemy. To fight Germany with Algers and Shafers because such men are friends of the administration or because their dismissal would give pain is looked upon by Americans returning from the European theatre as unthinkable.

Almost 300 U-Boats

I have tried to get information as to the number of German submarines, but Germany successfully conceals the figures. The best composite guess I have been able to get is 250 to three hundred big ones. All on this ship expressed surprise when I gave them the current English valuation of the submarine effort, namely that while it was regarded as serious, there was not the slightest immediate prospect of starving England. There is more food in England today than ever before, perhaps six months and certainly three months clear surplus. Germans will have to increase vastly the present rate of destruction to empty the British cupboard in a year.

A Craving for Peace

The Berlin contingent admit that if the submarine stroke fails the disappointment and hunger in Germany will create a situation favorable to the acceptance of peace without victory.

In this connection those fresh from Germany are mystified at the clamor there for peace concurrently with the renewed vigor in waging war. There has always been talk of peace, but this has become a peace craving. Press and public are quite frank about it. Indeed, there is every indication that word has been passed along the line from above to couple the peace talk with ruthless warfare. German ingenuity delights in such expedients.

The Germans don't advertise their own weakness, but when elephants are commended from managers to pull heavy loads through the streets of Berlin it suggests a breakdown in means of transportation, maybe more serious in conducting the war than the loss of man power.

Little Miss Bell Buckner Biggs, of Fulton, has returned home after a pleasant visit with her grandfather, R. R. Buckner.

Having more cattle and other stock on hand than I have grass for since moving to my farm, I will sell the following stock, at the farm, 2 miles north and 2 miles west of Centralia, on—

Monday, March 19

Sale Commences at One O'Clock

20 Head Reg. Hereford Cows

Some with calves at foot and others old enough, safe in calf. A good, useful, well bred set of cattle in good breeding condition, but not pampered. Just right to turn out and do good for purchaser. Three extra good cows to calve soon.

15 Head Coming Yearling Bulls

Registered; 6 head unregistered. One pair black mares, 5 years old, good. One pair bay mares, 6 years old, work anywhere. One extra good 3 year old Coach Filly; one coming 3 year old; four brood sows and one registered male hog; Forty-six stock hogs, weighing from 50 to 125 lbs.

TERMS—Six months time at 8 per cent.

I will be very glad to have you on March 19th, whether you wish to buy or not. Come anyway.

John M. Herndon

Cols. P. M. Gross and J. R. Brown, Auctioneers.

C. W. Settle, Clerk

TAXES COLLECTED IN 1916 WERE \$205,321.77

More Persons Paid Taxes in Audrain in 1916 Than Paid During the Year of 1915

TAX RATES DECREASED

Report of Collector Said to Have Been More Satisfactory Than Any Previous Settlement

Monday the County Court made the annual settlement with the County Collector, C. T. Powell. Judge C. C. Bledsoe, of the County Court, stated Tuesday morning that it was the best settlement ever made by a collector, that the reports were in better shape.

The report showed the total collections for the year of 1916 to be \$205,321.77, coming from the following sources:

Current tax, \$150,031.92.
Back tax, \$16,281.92.
Railroad and telegraph tax, \$32,899.48.
Merchants' tax, \$5,619.24.
Pool and billiard licenses, \$78.00.
Peddlers' licenses, \$240.00.

Although the total amount of the taxes collected for 1916 were somewhat smaller than for 1915, the number of persons paying taxes was larger. The decrease in the amount of money paid in was due to the lower tax rate. The county tax rate was decreased 20c and the Mexico School decreased 20c and the Mexico school tax rate decreased 25c.

County Court Allows Bills

The following bills were allowed by the Audrain County Court:

J. D. Miller, salary, \$50
H. H. Grady, salary, \$104.16
Arctic Ice & Storage Co, Court House, 4.80
R. S. McKinney, salary, 27.50
George D. Barnard Company, County Treasurer, .50
Same, Circuit Clerk, 4.00
Same, County Clerk, 12.12
Duxton & Skinner, Collector, 7.35
Same, Collector, 19.15
John H. Ballew, jail, 11.50
R. B. Cuthorn, salary, 196.15
Same, supplies County Clerk, 6.70
Alfred Cox, supplies County Farm, 72.00
Centralia Courier, Collector, 3.60
W. L. Craddock & Son, supplies County Collector, 2.20
Enterprise Store, jail, 2.68
L. R. Ferris, jail, .80
H. H. Gafford, stamps, 5.00
W. Clyde Johnson, supplies County Superintendent of Schools, 11.93
S. Clyde Johnson, salary, 100.00
J. C. King, jail, 4.20
Kempinsky, Jones & Butts, supplies poor, 5.55
Llewellyn & Sons, jail, 4.95
Same, county farm, 4.95
Same, Court House, 1.40
McPheeters Bros, Court House 2.50
Midland Chemical Company, County Farm, 10.00
Mexico Ledger, Circuit Clerk, 45.00
Mexico Power Company, Court House, 63.65
Same, jail, 16.57
J. D. Miller, Court House, 1.55
C. M. Nell, auto hire, 5.00
R. C. Paul & Sons, County Farm, 14.00
S. & N. Phillip, County Farm, 4.50
Penney-Jackman Ptg Co, County Collector, 1.25
G. W. Robertson, Court House, .65
R. D. Rodgers, salary (Jan.), 166.66
Same (February), 166.66
S. W. Telephone Co, Court House, 2.50
Same, County Farm, 3.00
Same, Court House, 2.50
C. W. Settle Lbr Co, cement, 10.50
Standard Ptg Co, Circuit Clerk 37.25
Same, County Collector, 81.48
Standard Oil Co, County Farm, 9.78
Sturgeon Leader, Collector, 1.00
Isador Taylor, Court House, 1.00
Hugh Stephens Pub Co, County Treasurer, 9.78
Vandalia Leader, Collector, 3.00
J. W. Renner, 1 day justice and mileage, 7.80
R. B. Cuthorn, salary, 196.15

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO METHODIST CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNING

Those Who United With Church During Recent Revival Taken Into the Church

Those who united with the Methodist Church during the recent revival held by the Rev. J. B. Andrews and Mr. C. P. Curry were taken into the church Sunday morning. A part of the members were received one week ago and the remainder Sunday. Those who united with the church during the revival are: Miss Ethel Bird, Mrs. C. B. Lyman, Ray Field, Mrs. F. W. Spencer, Ethel Woods, Mrs. W. J. Woods, Miss Alice Brashers, Miss Mabel White, J. A. Martin, Emmett Mundy, J. J. Sewell, Mrs. J. J. Sewell, Mrs. E. J. Norton, Mrs. Rosa E. Bowles, Mrs. E. R. Taft, Ivan Ostrander, Leah Ostrander, E. E. Hopkins, Miss Lena E. Hopkins, F. J. Laws, Mrs. F. J. Laws, Mrs. C. W. Street, Harley Street, Mrs. W. J. Sammeck, Frankie Peters, Hubert Saunders, Volmer Van Horn, Bennett Williams, Paul Pike, Carl Hopkins, Forrest Hopkins.

Rev. S. W. Hayne is preaching a series of sermons on "The Victorious Life," which began the first Sunday in this month and will continue through April.

KING SCLATER IS GUILTY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 12.—"King" Francis Schlatter, self-styled divine healer, was found guilty in the United States District Court on a charge of using the mails to defraud. The jury deliberated but four minutes.

"Prince" August Schrader, code-fendant in the case, died soon after the start of the trial several weeks ago.

Schlatter and Schrader, who was testified, sent through the mails "blessed handkerchiefs," application of which to affected parts were asserted to cause cures or give relief. The two healers established several churches and at one time conducted a periodical called the Ram's Horn.

Schlatter was in Mexico quite a number of years ago and Leigh Mitchell Hodges, now an editorial writer on the Philadelphia North American, but at that time city editor of the Ledger, started a campaign in the Ledger exposing Schlatter and his methods with the eventual result of driving him from the city.

F. A. Morris is driving a new Country Club Overland roadster, purchased from I. N. Bailey.

COUNTY SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BOARDS ARE WELL REPRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Board Members and Teachers Attend Annual County School Boards Meeting Here

Teachers and members of the school boards of Audrain county attended the annual meeting of the school boards held at the Court House here Saturday. County Superintendent of Schools W. Clyde Johnson presided over the meeting. The teachers training class of McMillan High School also attended the meeting. The problems of the teachers and the members of the school boards were discussed by the teachers and board members.

The board members who attended the meeting were: T. J. Geiler and John Shrader, W. S. Boyd and J. F. Whittlesey, Vandalia; C. W. Hoyt and T. M. Parrish, Laddonia; S. T. Torreyson, Rush Hill; H. E. Christup, John Hansen and George Glass, Laddonia; H. C. Fisher, J. H. Kammermeyer and W. M. Beamer, Molino; R. T. Byars, Mexico; Q. E. Haffner, Rush Hill; C. W. Ellis and J. A. Cuthorn, Molino; T. M. Dowell, Molino; S. P. Carter, Robert Powell, J. A. Henderson, W. C. Shutte, Mexico; A. L. Lipp F. J. Weaver, Molino; B. F. Gant, Rowena; H. O. Baker, G. W. Merry, Centralia; Elmer Gatewood, J. F. Patrick, F. L. McGee, Molino; J. W. Walker, G. B. Stowers, T. J. Arnold, J. B. Inskip, E. F. Fagg, J. W. Brockman, A. C. Brockman, Centralia; R. D. Hawkins, W. W. Crosswhite, J. F. Brundige, Clark; F. H. Marsh, L. Miller, J. H. Steinko, W. D. Barnes, C. W. Wilson, Centralia; E. M. Morris, Mexico; W. M. Thompson, Thompson; H. C. Barkley, Rush Hill; Mark Pierce, Harry Erdell, Mexico; Vol Erdel, Rush Hill; A. G. Dillard, Laddonia; Bert Waddington, Will Ray, Benton City; Wm. Freyer, J. R. Scott, J. W. Clark, G. L. Williams, Laddonia; U. G. Maskey, Wellsville; M. F. Tate, W. J. Shadwell, W. W. Banks, William Riutche, Martinsburg; J. E. Stratton, H. C. Hutchins, Benton City; M. C. Barnes, L. C. Walker, J. T. Dudley, J. J. F. Johnson, Benton City; Rothwell Crews, James Crum, A. J. Crum, Mexico; B. A. Smith, Thompson.

The following teachers of the county attended the meeting: Misses Susie Holloway, Laddonia; Pearl Parker, New Michigan; Bess Hickman, Auxvasse; Ella Criswell, East Lick; Myrtle Roberts, Walker; Elizabeth O'Brien, Bryan; Marie Henderson, Sneed; Marguerite Wright, Black; Blanche White, Liberty; Zella Brown, Chapel Grove; Alma Brown, Eureka; Bernice Ray, Carter; Ruth Cook, Fisher; Mildred Cook, Gatewood; Mabel Cook, Bean Creek; Nora Moore, Benton City; Nina Betz, Maple Grove; Ruth Miller, Prairie Chapel; Bessie Watson, Burnham; Mrs. Nelle McKeahan, High Hill; Percy Fuhrur, Lawder; E. E. Shay, Benton City, and Miss May Powell.

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